

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An interproximal strip comprising:  
a plurality of zones; said plurality of zones comprising at least a first, second, third and fourth zones; wherein:  
said first zone is disposed centrally on said interproximal strip and is substantially smooth on at least a first face of said interproximal strip;  
said second zone is disposed in longitudinal succession of said first zone on said first face of said interproximal strip;  
said second zone comprising a first abrasive;  
said third zone is disposed on said first face of said interproximal strip and is disposed on an opposite side of said first zone with respect to said second zone;  
said third zone comprising a second abrasive material;  
said fourth zone is disposed on a second face of said interproximal strip;  
said fourth zone comprising a third abrasive material.~~at least three zones arranged in longitudinal succession wherein a middle zone is a central smooth zone flanked by a first integral abrasive specialty zone and a second integral abrasive specialty zone.~~
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim ~~[[3]]~~1, wherein said first ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar. ~~is approximately equal to said second degree of abrasiveness.~~

5. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim ~~[[3]]~~1, wherein said first ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive is different than said second ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive.

6. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim 4, wherein said second ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar.~~is approximately equal to said third degree of abrasiveness.~~

7. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim 4, wherein said second ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive is different than said third ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive.

8. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim 5, wherein said second ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar.~~is approximately equal to said third degree of abrasiveness.~~

9. (Currently amended) The interproximal strip of claim 5, wherein said second ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive is different than said third ~~degree of abrasiveness~~abrasive.

10. (Currently amended) A method of interproximal reduction comprising:  
inserting an interproximal strip, said interproximal strip comprising a plurality of zones; said plurality of zones comprising at least a first, second, third and fourth zones; wherein:  
said first zone is disposed centrally on said interproximal strip and is substantially smooth on at least a first face of said interproximal strip;  
said second zone is disposed in longitudinal succession of said first zone on said first face of said interproximal strip;  
said second zone comprising a first abrasive;  
said third zone is disposed on said first face of said interproximal strip and is disposed on an opposite side of said first zone with respect to said second zone;  
said third zone comprising a second abrasive material;  
said fourth zone disposed on a second face of said interproximal strip;

said fourth zone comprises a third abrasive material, between two adjacent teeth at said first zone; ~~a central smooth zone of said interproximal strip wherein said central smooth zone is flanked by a first integral abrasive specialty zone and a second integral abrasive specialty zone; and~~

creating a space between said adjacent teeth by abrading said teeth with at least said first face of said interproximal strip. ~~first integral abrasive specialty zone with a first degree of abrasiveness; and—~~

~~increasing said space by abrading said teeth with said second integral abrasive specialty zone with a second degree of abrasiveness on a front side and a third degree of abrasiveness on a rear side of said second integral specialty zone.~~

11. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 10, wherein said first-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar. ~~is approximately equal to said second degree of abrasiveness.~~

12. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 10, wherein said first-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive is different than said second-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive.

13. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 11, wherein said second-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar. ~~is approximately equal to said third degree of abrasiveness.~~

14. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 11, wherein said second-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive is different than said third-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive.

15. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 12, wherein said second-degree-of-abrasivenessabrasive and said second abrasive are substantially similar. ~~is approximately equal to said third degree of abrasiveness.~~

16. (Currently amended) The method of interproximal reduction of claim ~~[[13]]~~12, wherein said second-~~degree-of-abrasiveness~~abrasive is different than said third-~~degree-of-abrasiveness~~abrasive.

17. (New) The method of interproximal reduction of claim 10 further comprising: increasing said created space by abrading said teeth with said first and second faces of said interproximal strip.